

Prefrosh Explore MIT at CPW

MIT Hosts Record Number of Students, Holds Numerous Events

By Nick Semenkovich
ASSOCIATE NEWS EDITOR

Nearly 1,000 prospective freshmen are on campus for this year's Campus Preview Weekend. The weekend, which runs through Sunday, will offer over 600 activities at all hours for prospective freshmen and parents.

Associate Director of Admissions Matthew L. McGann '00 said that this year's CPW is the largest ever, with 974 prospective freshmen scheduled to attend as of Wednesday. Last year, 868 prospective freshmen attended.

McGann also said that roughly 800 parents would be attending CPW and encouraged them to discover MIT on their own. We have "a rich array of activities for parents," McGann said. "We hope that parents can carve their own path through the weekend."

The weather, however, has not been the most welcoming, as rain pelted visitors throughout much of yesterday afternoon. McGann was optimistic that the weather could clear up. "Maybe we will have the CPW weather machine at it again," he said.

Dean of Admissions Marilee Jones started off the weekend last evening at Rockwell Cage, encouraging students to enjoy the weekend and describing the mission of MIT.

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Lauren McLean, administrative assistant for Student and Young Alumni Programs, looks at an MIT campus map with Joe Hart, father of prospective freshman Karen Hart.

OMARI STEPHENS—THE TECH

Chemistry Dept. Revamps Lab Curriculum For Fall

By JiHy Kim
and Angeline Wang
STAFF REPORTERS

Over the next two years, the Department of Chemistry will be implementing a new laboratory curriculum which will incorporate some of the department's current research topics. Replacing three chemistry labs required for Course V majors, these 12 four-unit "module" classes are intended to give students more flexibility in scheduling, according to Sylvia T. Ceyer, associate department head of the Chemistry Department.

Beginning in the fall, Introductory Chemical Experimentation (5.311) and Intermediate Chemical Experimentation (5.32) will be replaced by a number of the new modules, Ceyer said. In Fall 2008, Advanced Chemi-

cal Experimentation and Instrumentation (5.33) will be replaced by the final modules.

Laboratory Chemistry (5.310), taken by non-Course V majors, will continue to be offered, though Ceyer said 5.310 would be "our next point of attack."

"This change will affect mostly our sophomores, who have yet to take most of the required lab courses," said Melinda G. Cerny, associate director of the Chemistry Education Office. "We will be encouraging our juniors to finish their lab requirements as soon as possible." Ceyer assured that no students would need to repeat any laboratory courses.

According to Ceyer, the motivation for the change was "to update

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Recommendation on Sudan Made to MIT Corporation

The Advisory Committee on Shareholder Responsibility has passed its recommendations regarding whether MIT should divest from corporations that are involved with the Sudanese government on to the MIT Corporation's Executive Committee. Michael Baenen, staff to the ACSR, wrote in an e-mail that the Executive Committee is now considering the recommendation report and "is aiming

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In Short

¶ **Summer/Fall 2007 allocations** applications for the Undergraduate Association Finance Board are due on April 24, following mandatory office hours on April 21–22. A preliminary application must be submitted through the Finboard Web site by next Friday, April 20.

¶ **Mass. Senator Edward M. Kennedy** (D) will be giving a lec-

ture on public service today from 2:30–3:30 p.m. in the Stata Center (Room 32-123). Open to the MIT community.

¶ **Taxes** are due on Tuesday, April 17. See <http://www.irs.gov/> for more information.

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Ground Searches For Missing Student End

Police Convinced Davis Has Left the Holyoke Area

By Nick Semenkovich
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The search for freshman Ryan M. Davis '10, who has been missing since March 31, has been called off after the South Hadley Police found no signs of Davis or his whereabouts. Intensive ground search operations in the buildings, wooded areas, and mountains in and around Mount Holyoke College, where he was last seen, were called off, according to an article published in *The Patriot Ledger* Wednesday.

The search involved multiple police agencies, 10 dogs, and a state helicopter, states an article published in *The Republican*, a local newspaper for the South Hadley area. Officials are continuing to monitor his cell phone and credit cards for activity, the article states.

According to the Registrar's office, Davis was last a registered MIT student on March 13, one day after an arrest for illegal drug possession.

Detective Todd T. Dineen of the South Hadley Police told *The Republican* Wednesday that Davis' drug charges in Cambridge have no effect on the search. "It's an open case and we are continuing to follow up

leads," Dineen said to *The Republican*. Dineen was not in the police station yesterday afternoon and was unavailable for comment.

After Davis' departure from MIT, where he was an East Campus resident, he stayed at Mt. Holyoke College with his alleged ex-girlfriend until his disappearance on March 31.

According to an article in *The Republican*, Davis left a note on the Mt. Holyoke College campus that caused concern for Davis' safety.

South Hadley Police Chief David LaBrie told *The Patriot Ledger* that the note "was just a rambling letter; nothing specific," LaBrie said. "That's why we're not deeming it a suicide note. ... It's a 50-50 call if he just wanted to leave or if he wanted to harm himself." LaBrie did not return a call from *The Tech* for comment.

LaBrie told the *Ledger* that he believed Davis was no longer in the immediate area. LaBrie also said that the South Hadley Police "contacted all his acquaintances and friends" and that "his parents have been up

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Wrestler Foley's Lecture Packs a Punch

By Benjamin P. Gleitzman
NEWS EDITOR

Mick Foley once incurred burns and required 42 stitches in one night after a wrestling match in Japan involving explosives and barbed wire.

Feature

The professional wrestler and bestselling author told his story to a large audience of students, prospective freshmen, and wrestling fans during last night's lecture, "The Real World's Faker than Wrestling." The two hour lecture was sponsored by Comparative Media Studies, which brought Foley to MIT as a part its class on professional

wrestling.

Foley continued his story, describing how he answered questions from the Japanese press for over an hour and then walked himself to a hospital to receive treatment for his injuries. When he asked the head of the Japanese wrestling company where he wrestled a few days out of the month for a bonus due to his injuries, the man put a coin into a vending machine and tossed him a soft drink.

Clad entirely in black, Foley, a two-time *New York Times* bestselling author and three-time World Wrestling Entertainment world champion, discussed the current perception of professional wrestling through a bevy

of humorous anecdotes from his past wrestling days as Mankind, Dude Love, and Cactus Jack, among other personas. Foley's entrance to the lecture hall, complete with theme music and raucous applause from the audience, set the tone for the lecture that followed.

Foley opened the lecture by exploring a study that tracked the occurrences of questionable activities performed by wrestlers, including simulated sex and drug use, obscene gestures, and harsh language. The study was cited in accusations that televised professional wrestling was

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ERIC D. SCHMIEDL—THE TECH

Professional wrestler and *New York Times* bestselling author Mick Foley spoke last night in 54-100.

NEWS

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WORLD & NATION

Trail Led to Macau as Focus of North Korean Corruption

By Donald Greenlees and David Lague

THE NEW YORK TIMES HONG KONG

For American law enforcement agencies the smuggling investigations were among their most elaborate, producing dozens of arrests and hard evidence that Chinese criminal gangs had smuggled counterfeit U.S. currency, cigarettes and drugs made in North Korea into the United States.

The investigations, concluded 20 months ago, also produced a money trail that led to the Chinese gambling enclave of Macau, where American investigators concluded that criminals linked to North Korea were laundering their earnings.

This effort produced the hard evidence for the United States to place financial sanctions against Banco Delta Asia, a small, family-owned bank in Macau, near Hong Kong. But those sanctions became a major sticking point in international efforts to dismantle North Korea's nuclear weapons program.

The investigations "were just incontrovertible proof of the role of Macau banks, Macau gangsters, North Koreans in Macau," said David Asher, an outspoken critic of North Korea who at the time of the investigation was one of the most senior State Department officials dealing with the country.

Turmoil Grows For Wolfowitz At World Bank

By Steven R. Weisman

THE NEW YORK TIMES WASHINGTON

Paul D. Wolfowitz's tenure as president of the World Bank was thrown into turmoil on Thursday by the disclosure that he had helped arrange a pay raise for his companion at the time of her transfer from the bank to the State Department, where she remained on the bank payroll.

In a chaotic day of revelations and meetings at a normally staid institution, Wolfowitz apologized for his role in the raise and transfer of Shaha Riza, his companion, to a few hundred staff members assembled in the bank building atrium, only to be greeted by booing, catcalls and cries for his resignation.

Earlier, the bank's staff association had declared that it was "impossible for the institution to move forward with any sense of purpose under the present leadership." The association had helped spearhead an investigation into Riza's transfer and raise, details of which came into the open in the last 24 hours.

CDC Urges a Change In Antibiotics For Gonorrhea

By Lawrence K. Altman

THE NEW YORK TIMES

The rates of drug-resistant gonorrhea in the United States have increased so greatly in the last five years that doctors should now treat the infection with a different class of antibiotics, the last line of defense for the sexually transmitted disease, officials said Thursday.

The percentage of drug-resistant gonorrhea cases among heterosexual men jumped, to 6.7 percent in 2006 compared with 0.6 percent in 2001, officials from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said.

Standard monitoring of gonorrhea cases is conducted among men who go to STD clinics. New data from such sites in 26 cities show that rates of drug-resistant gonorrhea among heterosexual men last year reached 26 percent in Philadelphia and more than 20 percent in Honolulu and four sites in California, Long Beach, Orange County, San Diego and San Francisco.

Missing Repub. E-mails May Relate to Fired Prosecutors

By Sheryl Gay Stolberg

THE NEW YORK TIMES WASHINGTON

The White House said Thursday that missing e-mail sent on Republican Party accounts may include some relating to the firing of eight U.S. attorneys.

The disclosure became a fresh political problem for the White House, as Democrats stepped up their inquiry into whether Karl Rove and top aides to President Bush used the e-mail accounts maintained by the Republican National Committee to circumvent record-keeping requirements.

It also exposed the dual electronic lives led by Rove and 22 other White House officials who maintain separate e-mail accounts for government business and work on political campaigns — and raised serious questions, in the eyes of Democrats, about whether political accounts were used to conduct official work without leaving a paper trail.

The clash also seemed to push the White House and Democrats closer to a serious confrontation over executive privilege, with the White House counsel, Fred Fielding, asserting that the administration has control over

voluminous other e-mail that the Republican National Committee has archived. Democrats are insisting that they are entitled to get the e-mail messages directly from the national committee.

Some of the missing e-mail was sent on political accounts maintained by the Republican National Committee and may have included those relating to the federal prosecutor dismissals.

Rep. Henry A. Waxman, D-Calif., chairman of a House committee looking into the use of political e-mail accounts, wrote a letter to the attorney general on Thursday saying he had "particular concerns about Karl Rove" following a briefing his aides received from Rob Kelner, a lawyer for the Republican National Committee.

Rove uses several e-mail accounts, including one with the Republican National Committee; one with the White House; and a third, private domain account that is registered to the political consulting company he once owned. Waxman said Kelner reported that in 2005, the national committee adopted a new policy, specifically aimed at Rove, which "removed Mr. Rove's ability to personally delete his

e-mails from the RNC server."

Waxman also said he now has "serious concerns about the White House's compliance with the Presidential Records Act," a 1978 law that requires administrations to keep records of deliberations, decisions and policies. The congressman asked for an inventory of all communications by White House officials on nongovernment e-mail accounts.

Bush has directed the White House counsel's office to try to recover any missing e-mails, but Scott Stanzel, the deputy White House press secretary, told reporters Thursday, "it can't be ruled out" that some are missing, and it was unclear how much may have been lost. Democrats were skeptical that any e-mail messages are truly missing.

"We're learning that off-book communications are being used by these people in the White House by using Republican political e-mail addresses, and they say they have not been preserved," Sen. Patrick J. Leahy, D-Vt., and chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee, said in an impassioned speech on the Senate floor. "I don't believe that. You can't erase e-mails, not today."

Off the Air: the Light Goes Out For Radio Personality Don Imus

By Bill Carter and Jacques Steinberg

THE NEW YORK TIMES

CBS brought the weeklong confrontation over racial and sexual insults by the radio host Don Imus to an end Thursday when it canceled the "Imus in the Morning" show, effective immediately.

The move came one day after MSNBC, a General Electric unit that has simulcast Imus' radio show on its cable television network for the past 10 years, removed the show from its morning lineup. The two moves together mean that Imus, who has been broadcasting his show for more than 30 years, no longer has a home on either national radio or television.

It is possible, though, that he could re-emerge on satellite radio.

Imus received the news in a telephone call to his home. Many of his listeners learned of it during the after-

noon radio show "Mike and the Mad Dog," which announced it on WFAN, the same New York station owned by CBS that carried Imus' show.

The CBS chief executive, Leslie Moonves, held a meeting Thursday afternoon with the Rev. Al Sharpton, a leader in what became a national movement to remove Imus from the air in the wake of comments disparaging members of the Rutgers women's basketball team. On his program of April 4, Imus referred to the Rutgers athletes as "nappy-headed ho's."

Both CBS and MSNBC had been under pressure from black leaders and women's groups; perhaps more important, advertisers began abandoning the Imus show and its networks this week, pulling out the financial underpinnings from the show.

In a statement, Moonves said: "Those who have spoken with us the last few days represent people of good

will from all segments of our society — all races, economic groups, men and women alike. In our meetings with concerned groups, there has been much discussion of the effect language like this has on our young people, particularly young women of color trying to make their way in this society."

He went on to say, "That consideration has weighed most heavily on our minds as we made our decision, as have the many e-mails, phone calls and personal discussions we have had with our colleagues across the CBS Corporation and our many other constituencies."

The CBS decision came only hours before Imus and the Rutgers basketball team arrived at the New Jersey's governor mansion in Princeton Township, where he was expected to apologize in person for his remark.

WEATHER

Running Against the Wind

By Jon Moskaitis
STAFF METEOROLOGIST

On every day this month, the mean temperature has been lower than the climatological average. This cold spell looks almost certain to continue through at least the middle of next week, as we will not get the southwesterly flow necessary for warm conditions this time of year. Instead, after a couple days of chilly northwesterly winds, we will have a potent Nor'easter to ride out. All of the long-range numerical weather prediction models develop the storm just off the mid-Atlantic coast on Sunday, and then park it somewhere off the south coast of New England on Patriot's Day. This means we will likely see a prolonged period of stiff easterly winds and heavy rain from Sunday night through Monday, with the timing of the heaviest rain and strongest winds dependent on the exact trajectory of the storm. Anyone participating in the Boston Marathon or planning to go out and cheer on the runners should keep a close eye on this late-season Nor'easter as it develops.

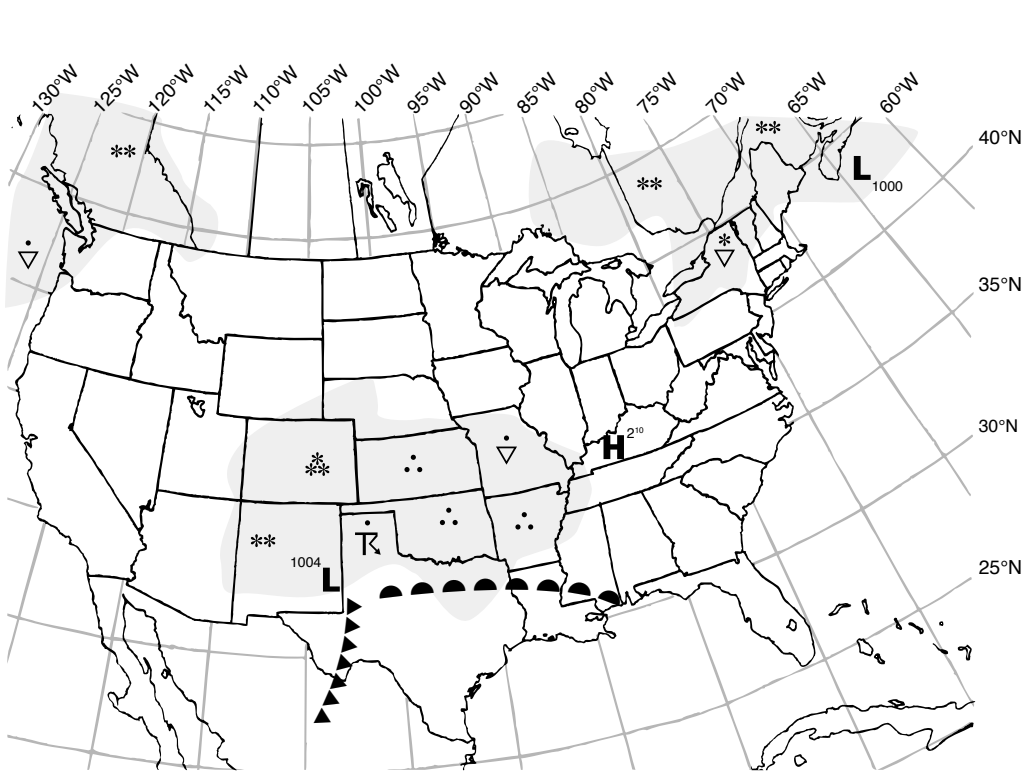
Extended Forecast

Today: Cloudy, breezy. High 45°F (7°C).
Tonight: Partly cloudy. Low 36°F (2°C).
Tomorrow: Mostly cloudy. High 49°F (9°C).
Tomorrow night: Mostly cloudy. Low 37°F (3°C).
Sunday: Cloudy, becoming windy with a chance of rain late. High 42°F (6°C).
Monday: Very windy with heavy rain likely. High 40°F (4°C).

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S Hurricane	▲▲▲ Cold Front	Light ** •	Haze ☁
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Situation for Noon Eastern Daylight Time, Friday, April 13, 2007



Death Toll in Algeria Bombings Rises to 33; Manhunt Underway

By Craig S. Smith
THE NEW YORK TIMES

PARIS
The death toll from Wednesday's suicide bombings in Algeria rose by 10 on Thursday, to 33, and the police mounted a nationwide manhunt for those responsible for the attacks.

Al-Qaida in the Islamic Maghreb, North Africa's most active terrorist group, claimed responsibility for the twin bombings, which were directed at the main government building in Algiers and at a police station east of the city. More than 200 people were wounded.

It could have been even worse: The police found a third bomb in a Mercedes-Benz sedan near the home of Ali Tounsi, director general of the national police, according to witnesses and local press reports. The bomb was defused.

It was apparently one of the bombs referred to on Islamist Web sites on Wednesday, which claimed that a third suicide bomber was attacking the Algerian headquarters of Interpol. Interpol links police forces in 186 countries around the world.

The police set up checkpoints around Algiers and increased patrols on the outskirts, but the mood there had already darkened. The French-language daily newspaper Liberte wrote that the attacks "have awakened the demons of a violence we believed had been contained."

Algeria has only recently emerged from the shadows of a brutal civil war, set off when the military canceled elections in 1992 that a fundamentalist Islamic party was poised to win. The war, which wound down after a government amnesty in 1999, was marked by

horrific massacres of men, women and children — slitting throats was common — that left deep scars in the national psyche.

A national reconciliation program last year sought to shut that history firmly in the past with a new amnesty for the remaining Islamist fighters and with the release of hundreds of former fighters from jail. Even talking of the past atrocities became illegal.

A committed core of Islamists kept up the fight, but most Algerians were confident that the movement had been defeated, as repeated government pronouncements claimed.

Islamists warned otherwise, however. "When you leave a small fire burning, it can spread," Abdelhak Layada, a founder of the Armed Islamic Group, said in an interview last June, shortly after he was freed under the reconciliation program.

Suicide Bomber at Parliament Kills Eight People in International Zone

By Alissa J. Rubin
THE NEW YORK TIMES

BAGHDAD, IRAQ
A suicide bomber wearing an explosives vest struck deep inside the heavily fortified International Zone on Thursday, killing eight people when he detonated inside the Parliament building just a few feet from the main chamber.

In a separate and in some ways equally traumatic attack early in the day, a truck bomb destroyed the beloved, 60-year-old Sarafiya bridge across the Tigris and killed six people. The heavily traveled bridge has long been a symbol of Baghdad, illustrated on old postcards and drawings of the city from a more peaceful time.

The attack on the Parliament was the worst bombing to take place in the International Zone since the protected area was established four

years ago, when it was known as the Green Zone. At a time when Iraqis are increasingly questioning the government's ability to protect them, the bombing raised the troubling possibility that it cannot even fully protect itself, although it is at the wellspring of American and Iraqi military power in the city.

The bomber struck a half-hour after the day's session had closed, in a cafe area where lawmakers were lingering across from the main chamber. Among the dead were at least two lawmakers, both from Sunni parties. Of the 23 people wounded, 11 were parliamentarians, the U.S. military reported.

"This is a cowardly act and this proves that terrorism is indiscriminate. Sunnis, Shia, Kurds have been injured and maimed and killed in this attack. This should be a reminder that all Iraqis are targeted," said Deputy

Prime Minister Barham Salih, after visiting the wounded at the Ibn Sina hospital, which is run by the U.S. military.

Salih and Mowaffak al-Rubaie, the national security adviser, who was also visiting the wounded, said the attack was a major security breach in the international zone. Regulations there require visitors to undergo multiple layers of screening by an array of Iraqi forces, foreign contractors and American soldiers.

The image of the international zone as an impregnable fortress had already been on the wane. Regular rocket and mortar attacks on the U.S. Embassy compound have killed a civilian and a soldier and wounded several others in recent weeks. And senior military officials said two suicide vests were found in a garbage bin in the Green Zone about two weeks ago.

U.S. Says It Is Trying to Free New Jerseyan Jailed in Ethiopia

By Jeffrey Gettleman
and Will Connors

THE NEW YORK TIMES

NAIROBI, KENYA

U.S. officials said Thursday that they were working assiduously for the release of Amir Mohamed Meshal, an American who had been jailed in Ethiopia on suspicion of terrorist activities, and that they hoped he would be freed very soon.

Meshal went to Somalia in December to help the Islamist movement and was captured after Ethiopian forces helped Somalia's interim government defeat the Islamists. U.S. officials said the FBI had determined that no charges should be brought against him.

"He's clean," said a U.S. official who spoke on the condition of anonymity, citing the diplomatic negotiations over Meshal's release. Earlier on Thursday, U.S. officials said that they hoped he would be freed before a court hearing on Friday in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia's capital, for several suspects. That looked unlikely on Thursday night.

Ethiopian officials declined to comment. Human rights groups have cited the Meshal case as evidence that the Ethiopian and U.S. governments are running a secret detention program. U.S. officials have strenuously denied that.

Ethiopia acknowledged Tuesday that it was holding 41 terrorism suspects from 17 countries who had been arrested in Somalia. U.S. intelligence officers have interviewed many of them, but U.S. officials have denied any role in detaining or transporting them.

Members of Meshal's family in Tinton Falls, N.J., said that they had heard from several contacts in Ethiopia that he would be released soon, but that they had received no official confirmation. But when they get it, said Meshal's father, Mohamed Meshal, he will "bring all his brothers and dear friends to the airport, just meet and greet."

Toyota Names First Non-Japanese to Its Board

By Martin Fackler

THE NEW YORK TIMES

TOKYO

Toyota Motor announced a management shuffling on Thursday that would elevate the president of its North American operations, James E. Press, to become the first non-Japanese to sit on the automaker's board.

The move comes amid some concerns at Toyota about a possible political backlash in the United States, where Japanese carmakers have prospered while American rivals have struggled. It also reflects the efforts of Toyota, long a solidly Japanese company, to grow more international as it now produces and sells more vehicles overseas than in Japan.

The changes announced Thursday would increase the number of board members to 30 from 25. Press was among nine new members appointed to the board. Four members retired, including the executive vice president, Yoshimi Inaba, a popular executive who had led Toyota's important China operations for two years.

The changes must still be approved at a meeting of shareholders in June, the company said in a statement.

In addition to his new board seat, Press was also promoted to senior managing director, an executive position in the Japanese parent company just two rungs below Toyota's president, Katsuaki Watanabe. Press, 60, is the first non-Japanese to advance to this level in Toyota's 72-year history, the company said.

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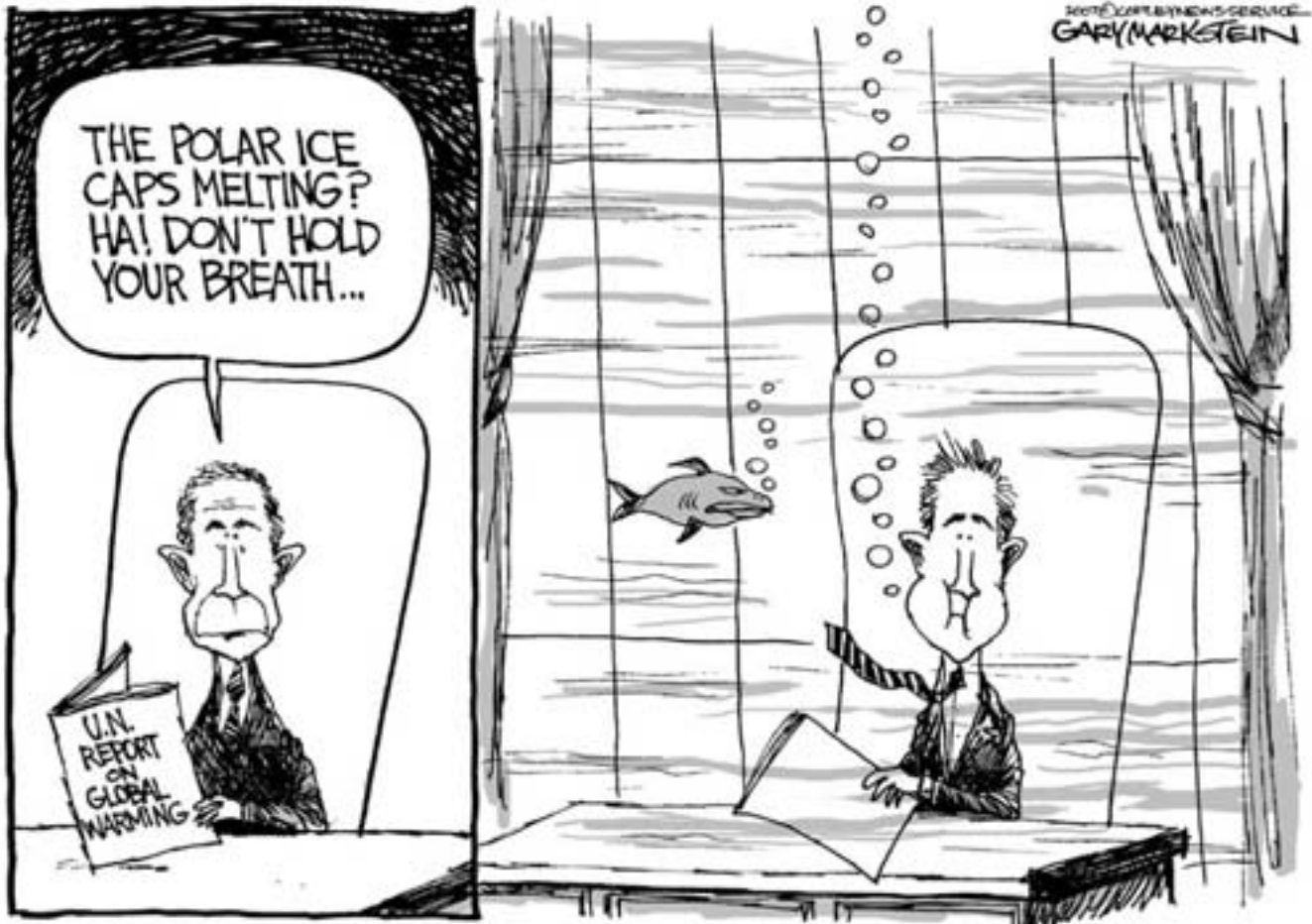
The April 3, 2007 news article about the Department of Defense investigation into MIT's Lincoln Laboratory misstated the nature of the review on which the charges were based. According to the MIT News Office, the review evaluated a piece of software developed by military contractor TRW that was intended for, but never used in, a missile defense flight test. The researchers used data from an earlier test to examine whether the software worked as claimed by TRW. They were not asked to evaluate the flight test.

The April 10, 2007 news article about the new Graduate Student Council officers incorrectly stated that GSC Vice President-elect Johnna D. Powell G served as president of the MIT chapter of Eta Kappa Nu and Tau Beta Pi. She was the president of the New Mexico State University chapters.

Kayvan Zainabadi 4/12/07



MIT's Sudan divestment dilemma



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CD REVIEW

Too Close For Comfort

Modest Mouse's Newest Induces Nostalgia

By Sarah Dupuis
ASSOCIATE ARTS EDITOR
Modest Mouse
"We Were Dead Before the Ship Even Sank"
Epic Records
Released: March 22, 2007

Love — true love, head-over-heels, seeing stars love, til-death-do-us-part love — only lasts a year. Don't believe me? Researchers showed that some chemical or protein (excuse this MIT student's highly technical explanation) is found in the brain at high levels for the first year of romance. We read an article about this phenomenon during my writing course last semester, and the facts all seemed in place. After reading, my outraged classmates presented numerous arguments against this stoic and un-storybook-like viewpoint. After a group discussion, we concluded that perhaps the intensity and excitement of first love fades with time, but it is then replaced with the satisfying feeling of familiarity. I think I can live with that definition.

So now a decade has passed since the release of my first and favorite Modest Mouse album, *The Lonesome Crowded West*. I'm no alternative rock Luddite; I respect groups that can advance with subsequent releases, and positively rave about bands that veer off the

paths I was sure they'd follow based on prior albums. I exhausted my mom all Easter, baring her with information on new and innovative albums I've loved this year (see: Grizzly Bear's *Yellow House*, White Rabbits' *Fort Nightly*, Menomena's *Friend and Foe*). But now that Modest Mouse, a band whose last album would have made my desert island discs collection without question, has released its newest album, *We Were Dead Before The Ship Even Sank*, I'm not quite sure whether to praise it or pass it over.

It's not a bad album, this new Modest Mouse release; I'll venture to say it's a pretty good one, and I'll bet myself a soda that come summer it'll be in my car CD player constantly. After only one listen through, tracks like "Fire It Up," "Parting Of The Sensory," and the almost-epic "Spitting Venom" were stuck in my head. These are cleverly crafted songs, my friends. They're layered with violins and banjos and hand-claps and the rasping back-up vocals that have made Isaac Brock's voice as recognizable and inimitable as the vocal chords of Tom Waits, Lou Reed, and Frank Black. Those dizzying, clear and repetitive guitar lines that are so synonymous with Modest Mouse are all over this record. Underneath all the musical clamor, Brock's hidden some brilliant pop melodies, as he's done in the past

few albums, specifically 2004's *Good News For People Who Love Bad News*. All of the things I liked on old Modest Mouse albums are just as present on the new one.

I still love Modest Mouse, and I maybe love this record. But it's a muted kind of love, a love more like comfortability and less like intoxication. Listening to *The Lonesome Crowded West* when I first got it was like being a virgin during a first sexual encounter. Hearing *We Were Dead Before the Ship Even Sank* is more like sitting down to an expensive dinner with a romantic partner of, well, ten years on an anniversary. No one could argue that the latter experience is unromantic, and certainly it's more based on maturity and adulthood than the former. But I can't fight the feeling that I could have seen every track on *We Were Dead* coming from a mile away.

I saw Modest Mouse earlier this year, during a week in which they played five shows in New York City. I found myself playing a game: based on which instruments the band picked up, I tried to guess the next song in the set before the band began to play (i.e. Banjo and upright bass = "Bukowski"). I was right most of the time, but that didn't make the songs less exciting. But as far as *We Were Dead* goes, I've heard all these tricks before. I've heard Brock's octave-below vocals coming in to support the

melody on random lines. The frantic chorus of the first single, "Dashboard," is strangely similar to the memorable 2004 track "Float On," despite the songs' significant structural differences. I've never heard Smith's guitarist Johnny Marr play with Modest Mouse (as he does on *We Were Dead*), but frankly I don't think he makes a tremendous difference as far as song quality goes. I should be bored with this record, but here comes the pleasant part of familiarity. Isaac Brock can't surprise me anymore but I can still get excited when I hear him doing something I like, something I know, and something to which I've grown accustomed, just as I get pleasure from sleeping in my bed at home or seeing old friends.

So *We Were Dead Before the Ship Even Sank* is not an album that will induce fits of passion. It's not a record you'll stay up all hours of the night listening to, and it's not a record you'll remember for a seductive first listening. But these songs will grow on you, and they'll feel as familiar as anything else in the Modest Mouse repertoire. They'll be the soundtrack to some mundane experience that you'll later look back on and smile. *We Were Dead Before the Ship Even Sank* will be a comfortable experience, and like I said before, I think I — and you — can live with that.

MOVIE REVIEW ★★½

'Grindhouse': Guts, Gore, Good Times

It Kicks Ass, Takes Names, and Then Googlebombs Those Names

By Bill Andrews
CAMPUS LIFE EDITOR
"Grindhouse"
Directed by Quentin Tarantino and Robert Rodriguez
Written by Robert Rodriguez and Eli Roth
Starring: Rose McGowan, Nicolas Cage, and Kurt Russell
Rated: R
Now Playing

Trying to describe "Grindhouse," Quentin Tarantino's and Robert Rodriguez's double feature B-movie homage, is kind of like describing the Grand Canyon: sure, throw enough words out there and you can get the idea across, but why not just go out and see for yourself? Of course, the Grand Canyon won't have zombies, lots and lots of blood, and a hot girl with a gun for a leg; whether that's a good or bad thing pretty much determines if you should see "Grindhouse" or not.

The idea behind this movie, which is actually two movies (for a total runtime of about three hours), is to pay tribute to the old, crappy horror movies that dumpy old theaters would

show, frequently as part of a double feature. Both Tarantino ("Kill Bill," "Pulp Fiction") and Rodriguez ("Sin City," "Spy Kids") are big fans of movies (not just films), and they grew up watching countless ones, some great, many crappy. It was a good time for fans, though, and "Grindhouse"'s recreation shows why: even though the movies themselves weren't particularly deep or artistic, they were insanely fun to watch.

In order to more fully plunge the audience into the era, "Grindhouse" features some trailers of its own, besides the theater's trailers (for actual movies coming out). I'll just come clean: if blood and breasts don't bother you, go see this movie just for these fake trailers. They were, quite probably, the funniest things I have ever seen in a movie theater. Advertising such obviously fake (but, as it turns out, incredibly authentic) exploitation movies like, "Machete," "Werewolf Women of the SS," and the ever quotable "Don't," these trailers set the mood for the whole evening, while providing some great laughs.

As for the movies themselves: first is Rodriguez's "Terror Planet," a zombie horror flick

which features not just some cool action scenes but some absolutely hilarious one-liners. Seriously, it cracks me up just remembering some of them. The violence is, of course, wicked hellacrazy, featuring (but not limited to) a guy getting torn apart (on screen), a girl's brains being eaten (on screen), and a girl-with-a-gun-for-a-leg (on screens and TVs and monitors everywhere). Yes, fellas, there really is a hot girl (Rose McGowan) who kicks so much ass, she shoots it at the same time. We couldn't really figure out how she was able to pull the trigger with her mind, but little things like physics and common sense don't really belong in such a movie. To sum up, "Terror Planet" was so awesome, it kicks regular awesome in the balls, then cuts them off and grinds them into the dirt with its metal heels. While smiling.

Following this fun little movie, and some more faux trailers, is Tarantino's "Deathproof," a slasher movie where the bad guy (a scarred up Kurt Russell) uses his souped up stunt car to hunt and kill pretty girls (instead of just using a knife or a chainsaw). Here the movie-watching experience soured a little, due in part not just to the sudden realism and actual hor-

ror (not the hilari-horror of "Terror Planet"), but also to the slow and almost boring pacing. Still, it's a Tarantino film, so the dialogue, the characters, and the violence (what there is of it) are fabulous. Not the evening's high point, which is too bad since it's last, but still good and fun to watch.

Both movies are riddled with the hallmarks of the crappy old movies; stuff like spots in the film, lousy sound quality, and even a missing reel or two. In fact, were it not for my specifically wondering how they pulled off some of the special effects (like having a freaking gun for a leg), I'd have no trouble believing the movies were both actually produced in the bygone days of grindhouse movies. Still, the subtle sophistication that is always evident in Tarantino's movies, and the all-out, fun at whatever cost mentality of Rodriguez's movies, made "Grindhouse" their own, and that much more entertaining.

So sure, it might not exactly thrill your prefrash's worried parents if you take them, but you might want to make time to go see this thing. It's not really for everyone, but if it is your thing, you'll probably love it.



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CAMPUS LIFE

Imminent Collapse

On Institutes of Technology, and the Rivalries Thereof

By Bill Andrews
CAMPUS LIFE EDITOR

Before we begin properly today, let me first ask: are you a CalTech student? If so, I must ask, in all seriousness: WTF?

For those curious just WTF I'm talking about, a brief history lesson: two years ago this week, CalTech came by and "pranked" us. That's their way of saying they "hacked" us. (For you newer pre-frosh, a "hack" is some kind of nifty stunt that requires odd skills and impresses and awes). I use all those quotes, though, because their idea of showing us up was to put up some inflatable palm trees and hand out some T-shirts. After flying all the way out here, and (presumably) flying back. It was unexpected, and kind of funny; not, like, "what a great joke" funny, but "what a laughable stunt."

It seems that CalTech has what we in the medical profession (which I'm in because my fiancée goes to med school) call a chip on their shoulder. They really shouldn't, you know, since their research is just as ground-breaking as ours (as I'm sure those of you who are considering going there know). For some reason, though, MIT is waaaaay better known than CalTech. Sure, ours is an older, more distinguished, more well-rounded, more cultural

school, but what difference should that make? Enough, it seems, for them to be madly jealous of us. Well, that's understandable, since we here @mit.edu are pretty jealous of Hahvahd (for pretty much all of the same reasons actually).

So, in an effort to bring themselves to our level, fame-ically speaking, some CalTech'ers decided to start a rivalry between the two schools. Hence CalTech's cute little "prank." We all pretty much shrugged it off, like an elephant shrugs off a fly trying to bite it, or like Hahvahd shrugs off our awesome hacks on their football games and campus. Even despite certain administrators urging us to keep this friendly rivalry going, there was basically no interest in it. The rivalry, like disco, was dead. Or was it? (Not disco.)

The next CPW, last year's, had an unexpected visitor: CalTech's big-ass cannon. Somehow, magically, the Fleming Cannon appeared in front of the Green Building, instead of staying in California like everyone expected it to. Plus, this giant cannon now had a gigantic brass rat (MIT's school ring, which comes pret-

ty gigantic to begin with) around it; despite the imagery, it was a pretty great demonstration of CalTech getting screwed. It was great on many levels: not only did we totally school those CalTech'ers, not only did we show the world how much better MIT really was, not only did they have to come back with their tails between their legs to collect the dumb thing (and rudely refuse the breakfast prepared for them), but on top of all that there was a great picture taken with lots of MIT girls in bikinis posing on it. Awesome.

So that's that, we all figure. How could anyone possibly one-up whisking away a multi-ton object across the country? No way would they show their sorry Californian, probably sun-burned faces around here. But, sadly, no one believes it. Why, just now when someone learned what I was writing, they said, "Oh yeah, they're gonna do something." To which someone else responded, angrily, "What the hell! They're not at our level!" Which, as I said before, they're just not. What'll they do this time, hand out dress shirts? Put up inflated cannons with "U suck MIT!" on them?

Now, a life lived in science has taught me many things, but chief among those is humility. You never know for sure how an experiment will turn out, and even a genius like Newton could be totally wrong. So sure, I suppose there's also the chance that CalTech might actually hack us pretty good. I mean, anything's possible right? Maybe they'll take advantage of our unscientific hubris, or perhaps they've been doing nothing but failing classes and planning a spectacular event for a year now. But even on that off-chance, what, do they think we'll take it lying down? Don't they know that, should they try anything even remotely approaching cool this year, we'll smack them down so hard next year they'll have to look up to tie their shoes?

Thus, my pre-opening question. Since we're all pretty much expecting CalTech (thus validating this stupid rivalry), there's a chance that one of them, on their time off, picked up a copy of *The Tech*. It'd be pretty natural for them, actually, since their campus newspaper is called the same thing. There's a chance that they'll be flipping through, see CalTech written all over this page and start reading. And, I hope, there's a chance they'll realize the futility of their actions. Why are you doing this? What do you hope to achieve? Truly, my friend: WTF?

Monkey Gone to Heaven

Can't Touch This: Inability to Relate

By Ruth Miller
STAFF COLUMNIST

CPW is finally upon us. I had trouble admitting it at first, but as a senior, I can barely muster the energy to care. I did the whole CPW/Orientation thing with full gusto when I was younger, but I just can't keep up with the '09s and '10s. My roommate applied for us both to host pre-frosh, but as my former pre-frosh can attest, I'm an awful host, and am probably single-handedly responsible for mine and my roommate's rejections. Maybe I just have trouble relating to someone who was four when Shaggy's "It Wasn't Me" first came out.

Recently I realized: there are a number of things these kids probably don't remember. I typically call a lot of people "kids," just like I often refer to people by their first and last names, and usually don't mean much by it. But these people really are kids: most of the class of 2011 was born in 1988-1989. They don't remember the 80's! And the silent minority that skipped a grade — they weren't even alive in the 80's.

Alright, so I was born in 1985, and I'm sure my parents and every grad student are slapping their foreheads reading this. But this is the first year of my life when I've been stopped mid-sentence by a freshman and reminded, "um, Ruth, I wasn't old enough to remember that." This is bizarre enough an experience for anyone to remember.

So as a guide for all the non-pre-frosh (since everything else this weekend is dedicated to someone else), I thought I'd compile a short history of things that our guests won't be able to recall. If any of this turns out to be factually inaccurate, blame Wikipedia and VH1.

1988 — Remember the Cold War? Probably not. Reagan and Bush, Sr. were President and VP, and you can rent Donnie Darko to see clips of the 1988 presidential debate. A U.S. colonel was kidnapped and killed in Lebanon, and the Supreme Court sided with Hustler on charges of defamation against Jerry Falwell. That thing about Saddam gassing his own people? That happened in 1988. Czechoslovakia was still a country, and Richard Gephardt was already running for President. The Soviet war in Afghanistan ended, and "Faith" by George Michael won the Grammy for Album of the Year.

1989 — Milli Vanilli won the Grammy for Best New Artist, though it was later revoked. Hulk Hogan defeated Randy Savage in Wrestlemania V, and Dilbert was syndicated for the first time. Nintendo began selling the Game Boy in Japan, and both Seinfeld and the Simpsons premiered. The stock market experienced the "Friday the 13th mini-crash," the Berlin

Wall fell, and the Little Mermaid opened in theaters.

To be fair, few seniors remember many of these events. The real defining differences emerged in the early and mid-90's, while the '07's were having slumber parties and the '11's were still cooped up at home. The comedic brilliance of MTV and Nickelodeon was still being forged — back when one played music and the other wasn't concerned with instilling values. Though most people these days reference "Beavis and Butthead" and "Ren and Stimpy" will always hold a special place in my heart. Their elegant blend of gross-out comedy with classical music complemented the other early Nick Toons — "Doug," "Rugrats," and later "Rocko's Modern Life" and "Ahhh! Real Monsters."

While I was personally forbidden to watch MTV, I remember catching a glimpse of shiny parachute pants at my cousin's house, and I did manage to learn all the words to "Baby Got Back" with my best friend in the first grade. Did I get the quarter note thing down in music class? Probably not. That just shows how schools should re-package material to fit students' interests.

I, like probably many MIT students, had parents with the foresight to realize that many 90's trends were stupid and temporary, and was told to value individual self-worth over shallow fads. Naturally, this left me with few friends until high school, and cheap knock-offs of the actual item about three months after the trend broke. Highlights include a "Brick Boy" instead of "Game Boy," some Tamagotchi facsimile, and the warning that "light up sneakers will explode."

Things I also remember: the slumber party when I found out that Ginger Spice left the Spice Girls. It seemed like that damn Titanic song was never going to freaking die. I definitely wasn't aware of Lorena Bobbitt, but seemed to know about Tanya Harding, and was cognizant of the irony that neither of them won in the Olympics.

Trips down memory lane aside, it's understandable that seniors generally distance themselves from the pre-frosh. It's not that we're all bitter and hateful, just that the freshmen and sophomores are that much more excited. And yes, I know it takes more than a shared love of Nicktoons to bond over an undergraduate experience, but think of the other experiences the class of 2007 has gained while everyone else was catching up on 80's and 90's pop culture. College is easily the most horizon-broadening four(ish) years of one's life. Don't coddle the pre-frosh too hard, or they'll never figure it out on their own.

This is the first year of my life when I've been stopped mid-sentence by a freshman and reminded, "Um, Ruth, I wasn't old enough to remember that."

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By The Student Information Processing Board (SIPB)

Welcome to MIT, prefrosh! We're the Student Information Processing Board ("SIPB", pronounced sip-bee), MIT's student computing interest group. Our office is on the fifth floor of the Student Center, just outside the Athena cluster. You're welcome to stop by and ask us for help, or just use our computers, or even talk with us.

What is Athena?

You might have seen a lot of computers around campus, from the lab of over 100 computers in the Student Center to the four "quickstations" next to the cafe in the Stata Center. Most of these systems use the Athena system, an MIT distribution of Unix (both Solaris and Linux) that lets you log in anywhere, access the same files, and run a large variety of software off the network. Project Athena developed most of the core technology of the Athena computers, including the X Window System, the Kerberos authentication protocol, and Zephyr (the first IM software), all of which are in active use and development today.

One of the benefits of MIT's computing setup is that you can easily get @mit.edu mailing lists, shared file space, hostnames (e.g., yourname.mit.edu), and so forth. Dorm residents can get up to four public, static IP addresses, and run their own servers for websites and almost anything else. MIT provides a large amount of freedom and support for you to set up servers for personal projects, or Web sites and infrastructure for student groups or anything else. (Most other colleges are far more restrictive with firewalls, hostnames, and IP addresses, and don't give away mailing lists quite as easily.)

What network facilities does MIT provide?

MIT provides at least one network drop per student in the dorms, as well as complete wireless coverage throughout all dorms and academic buildings on campus (and quite a bit outdoors). Fraternities, sororities, and independent living groups are also connected to MIT's network routers, and generally offer the same level of connectivity.

As mentioned earlier, Athena computers abound on campus, providing a convenient way to tool with classmates for hours or just check your e-mail before getting lunch.

MIT also currently provides over 1 GB of networked disk space per user, with more upon request, as well as additional space for recognized student groups. The mail quota is an additional 1 GB, and your e-mail is accessible via standard IMAP clients and over the web.

What is SIPB?

SIPB is MIT's volunteer student group dedicated to computing. SIPB has, in one form or another, been working on improving computing at MIT since 1969, in the early days of mainframes and Multics. Today we provide support, in terms of both resources and expertise, to anyone who wants to start a computing-related project to help the MIT community, as well as computing help to people who e-mail sipb@mit.edu.

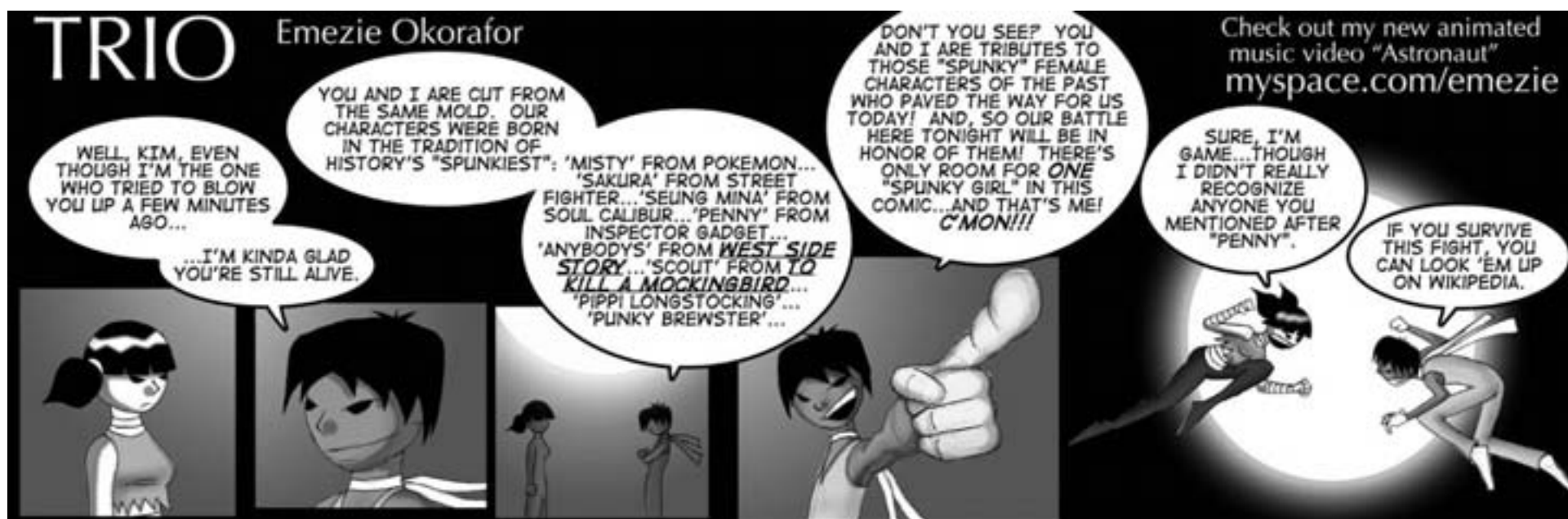
Some of the more recent projects SIPB has run or supported include:

- ¶ scripts.mit.edu, a full web-hosting and CGI-hosting service that's designed to integrate with Athena accounts and file servers.
- ¶ LAMP, a system to select music on a website and play it across the campus cable TV network (legally!).
- ¶ Linerva, a Debian Linux machine providing an Athena-like environment, which is available by remote access (SSH) to anyone with an Athena account. A related project is Debian-Athena, for use on personal computers.
- ¶ Sportcast, the first open-source HDTV production system, which is used to broadcast MIT sports games.
- ¶ qrpff, the infamous five-line program that cracks the CSS encryption on DVDs.
- ¶ Plenty of software in AFS for many purposes.

If I decide to attend MIT, how do I activate my Athena account?

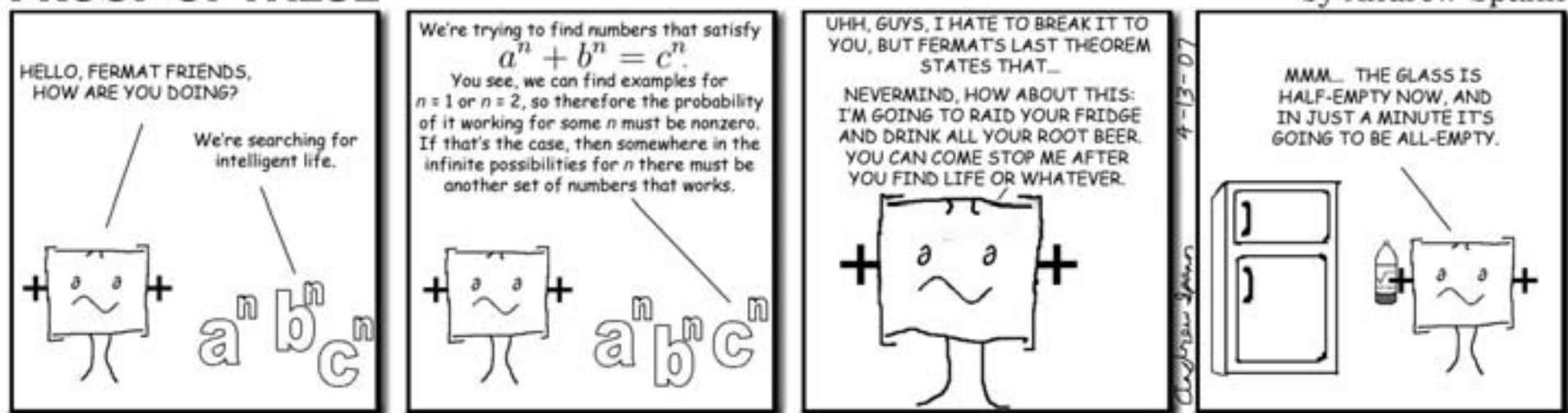
Once you submit your acceptance to MIT, you'll receive in mid-May a hefty package called the Next Big Mailing. There will be a coupon with instructions to activate your Athena account, providing you access to all of MIT's computing services. Keep in mind that you will NOT be able to change your username (i.e., your e-mail address and login name) after you register, so choose wisely!

To ask us a question about anything related to computing at MIT, send email to sipb@mit.edu. We'll try to answer quickly, and if you'd like, we can address your question in our next column. You can also stop by our office in W20-557 or call us at x3-7788 if you need help. Copies of each column and pointers to additional information are posted on our Web site: <http://www.mit.edu/~asksipb/>



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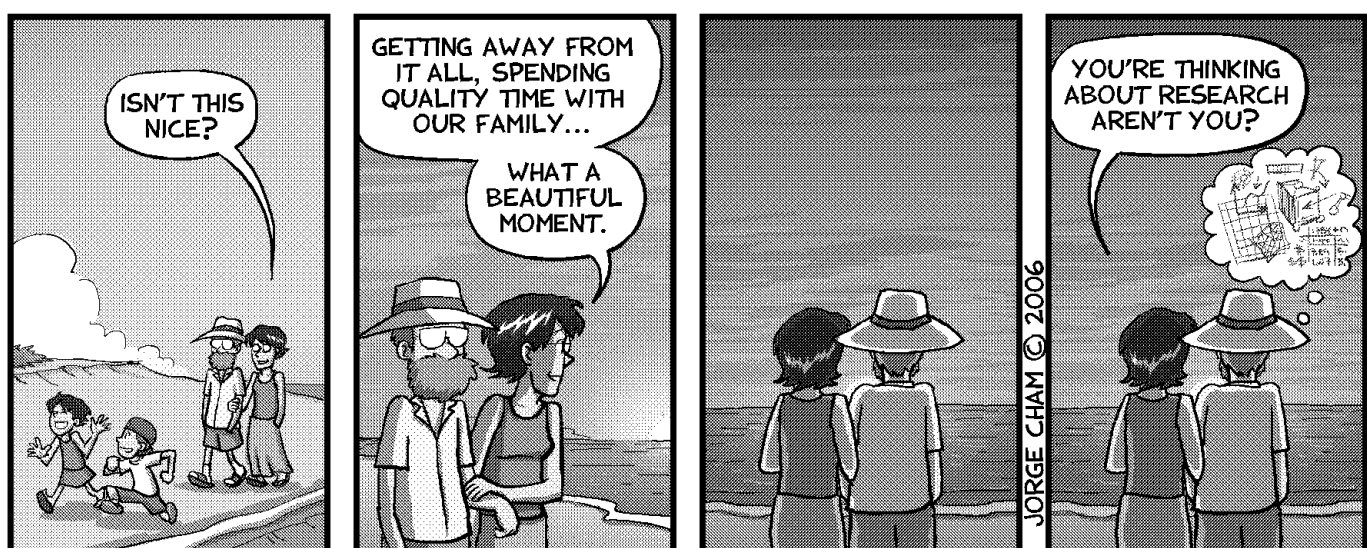
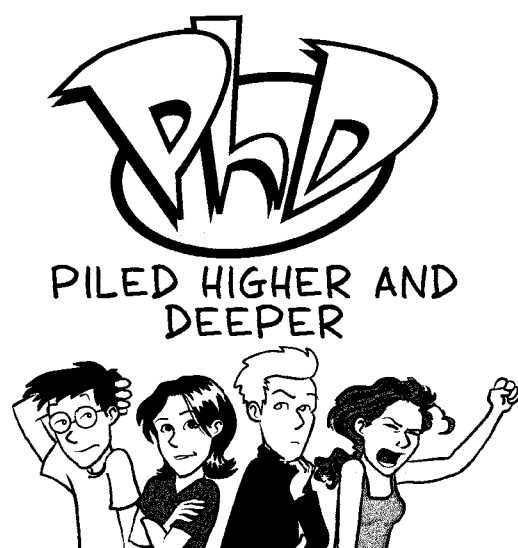


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Distribution of cab fares from Harvard to Kendall square

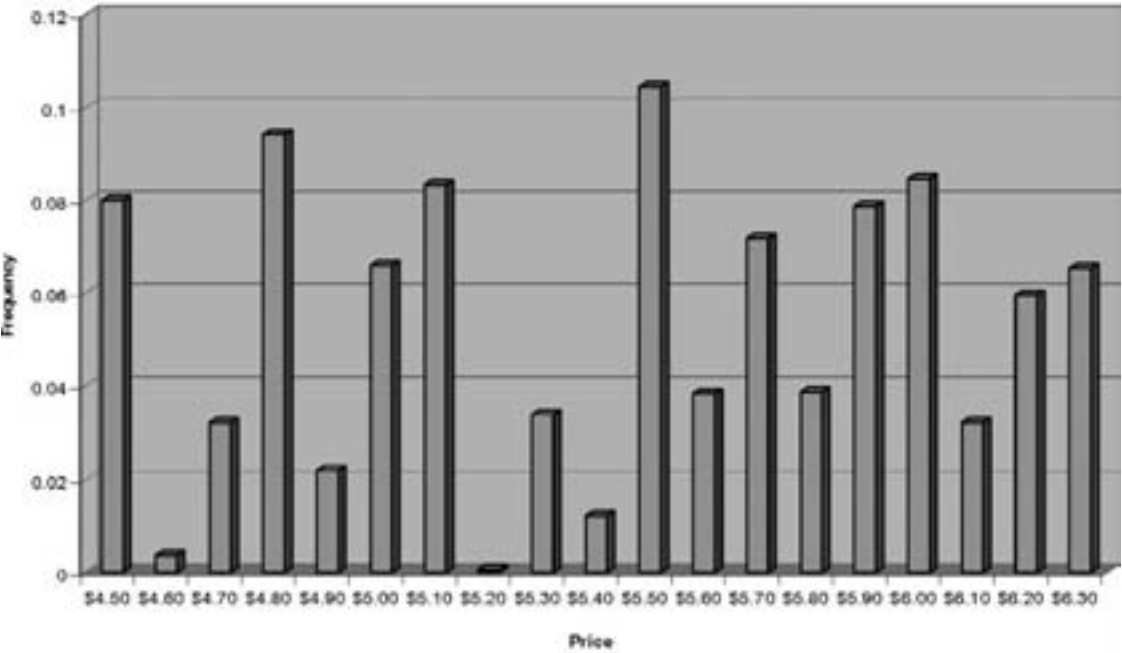


Figure 8. The normalized histogram shows the distribution of prices paid for a taxi ride between Harvard square and Kendall square. The sampling was done at the same time of the day, to account for external factors such as rush hour. The results indicate that there is no relationship between travel distance and amount paid, as had been anticipated. However, it cannot be concluded that it is ever possible to pay less than expected, as for any one trip the amount paid obeys Murphy's Law.

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Solution, tips, and computer program at <http://www.sudoku.com>; see also solution, page 19.

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BY GARRY TRUDEAU

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Crossword Puzzle

Solution, page 16

- ACROSS**

1 Tread heavily

6 Composer Bartok

10 Univ. teacher

14 Ancient Greek region

15 Lofty poems

16 Took the bus

17 Feature presentation

20 Attempt

21 Cushy

22 Make scholarly corrections

23 Actress Gilbert

24 Criminal, to a cop

26 Cezanne, notably

33 Eagles' home

34 Assessment

35 One of Bonaparte's marshals

36 College credit
- 37 Snow unit

39 Put one's foot down?

40 Put on

41 Murmurs

42 Rich cake

43 Odds are

47 Helps out

48 Trattoria drink

49 Deep gap

52 Roman Empire

53 Track circuit

56 American and National

60 At any time

61 Ukraine capital

62 Hands-on noshes

63 Stephen and Chris

64 Author Rice

65 Tuckered out

DOWN

1 Winnow
- 2 Vacation option

3 Unique

4 Thickness measure

5 Pub offering

6 Ornamental tree

7 Skittish

8 Tennis do-over

9 Grate stuff

10 On time

11 Wander about

12 Asgard ruler

13 Nourish

18 Banjoist Scruggs

19 Joyous

23 Buttonhole, for instance

24 Cheat at hide-and-peek

25 Overhang

26 Medina resident

27 Mortise fit

28 Olympic skater Slutskaya

29 Liquor container
- 30 Emcee piece

31 Take care of

32 Used a keyboard

37 Throw in one's cards

38 Hi's mate

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CPW 2007 Begins



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review Weekend officially kicked off at last CPW Welcome in Rockwell Cage. The welcome ceremony was followed by the CPW Festival in Johnson Center. CPW will continue through Sunday.

from top left:

Andrea Blakemore of Lexington, Mass. adds Oreo cookie to her liquid nitrogen ice cream.



Prospective students (left to right) Daniel Zhang, Caryn Krakauer, and Susan Song join in on a game of Giant Twister set up by residents of East Campus.

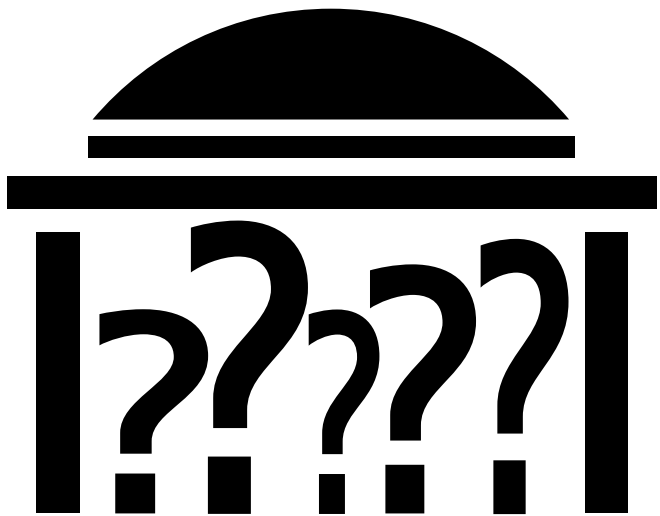
Andrea Blakemore (left) crowns Julie Hui with film provided by the Lecture Series Committee.

Hundreds of prefrosh listen to Dean of Admissions Marilee Jones speak.

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Lender to Pay So Students Can Learn Loan Options For Finaid

By Jonathan D. Glater
THE NEW YORK TIMES

Sallie Mae, the nation's largest lender to college students, agreed Wednesday to pay \$2 million to settle an investigation by the New York attorney general's office and said it would close down student call centers it has run for college financial aid offices.

The loan company, which manages student loans for nearly 10 million borrowers at more than 5,600 colleges, also agreed to adopt a code of conduct prepared by the office of the New York attorney general, Andrew M. Cuomo, who announced the settlement at a news conference in Manhattan yesterday. The code prohibits loan companies from giving gifts or trips to university financial aid administrators. It also bans arrangements in which universities are paid for loan volume.

The settlement comes just as many high school seniors are choosing where they want to go to college and are weighing financial aid packages from the institutions that have ac-

cepted them.

It is the latest in a continuing investigation into the financial relationships between student loan companies and colleges and universities, which students typically rely on for advice about borrowing.

Citibank paid a similar \$2 million settlement recently, and New York University, Syracuse, St. John's and Fordham — all in New York — and the University of Pennsylvania agreed to pay more than \$3.2 million to student borrowers who had received loans from companies that paid money to the institutions based on the loan volume they delivered.

But Sallie Mae, which began as a government-sponsored enterprise that bought student loans from banks before it expanded and became fully private, is the giant of the field with a \$142 billion loan portfolio.

In a statement on its Web site, Sallie Mae said it had "cooperated with this inquiry since its inception, and, as the industry leader, we have been confident throughout that our policies and procedures would stand tall."

Mr. Cuomo said Sallie Mae had paid for entertainment and travel for financial aid administrators, paid them for serving on advisory boards and had run call centers for about 20 university aid offices in which students' questions were shuttled to Sallie Mae operators. The company's call center operators in the future will identify themselves as Sallie Mae employees, Mr. Cuomo said.

A Sallie Mae spokesman, Tom Joyce, said the company would no longer market the call center service and would end such existing relationships with colleges over the next 18 months.

The 20 universities include Pace

University and Mercy College in New York City and Texas Tech and Wayne State University.

Sallie Mae also agreed to disclose, upon request of colleges, the interest rates actually charged to students.

"The ultimate success of these student loan investigations will be measured by the degree to which they result in cheaper college loans," said Michael Dannenberg, director of the education policy program at the New America Foundation, a Washington public policy institute.

Sallie Mae must certify compliance with the terms of the settlement by Aug. 15.

Besides the settlements, financial aid directors at six universities and one federal Education Department employee have been put on leave after the disclosure of various kinds of financial arrangements, including stock ownership and consulting deals, with lenders.

The revelations have sent ripples of concern through colleges and universities. Robert M. Berdahl, president of the Association of American Universities, wrote in an e-mail message to members this week, "Given the current media environment, even if you find that your student aid office is doing nothing illegal, you should also ask if your student loan business arrangements, policies and practices can stand the test of full public disclosure."

Some high school counselors say students are not showing much concern as they choose their colleges.

"I don't think they've paid all that much attention to it," said Bob Sweeney, a school counselor at Mamaroneck High School in New York. "All they care about is that they got in, and they're celebrating that."

Course V Lab Modules May Offer Flexibility

Course V, from Page 1

the curriculum so that it is based on current research" and "teach core concepts within the framework of current chemical research."

Annelise R. Beck '09, a Course V major, said that the new module system is definitely an improvement. "I don't really like the current lab classes, and I like the fact that these new modules are somehow related or reflective of current MIT research," Beck said. "The topics sound much more interesting."

The change should also provide students more flexibility, Ceyer said. Though the total number of required laboratory units remains 48 units, Course V majors will be able to spread out the laboratory curriculum up to seven semesters, she added, with students who are interested able to begin lab courses the second semester of their freshman year. The new system will also allow students to participate in UROPs because there is a lighter lab load per semester.

According to Cerny, the change has been in the making for four to five years, spearheaded by Rick L. Danheiser, former associate department head, and Ceyer. It was "slow development," Ceyer said, "because the faculty had to develop new experiments. Many of the experiments are similar to those being carried out in the chemistry research laboratories, she said. The new program will be led by Mariusz T. Twardowski.

The Chemistry Department received a \$100,000 grant from the Webster Foundation to implement the new curriculum, as well as "considerable funding to at least that amount" from the School of Science, Ceyer said.

Because of a faculty rule requiring that subject be at least 12 units, according to Ceyer, the modules have been grouped in threes. These classes will be "J graded," which means that students will not receive

a grade for the 12-unit class (only a "J") until the three modules in the group have been taken. If a student decides to take individual modules instead of the entire subject (such as for students who switch into a different major), they can also be given a grade for a four- or eight- unit course, Ceyer said.

The four new subjects (each made of three modules) are Introduction to Experimental Chemistry (5.35), Biochemistry and Organic Lab (5.36), Organic and Inorganic Lab (5.37), and Physical Chemistry Lab (5.38).

Each module has its own prerequisites within the department. More information on these modules is available at <http://web.mit.edu/chemistry/www/academic/urica.html>.

Students will be able to register for one to four modules per semester.

An additional advantage to the module system is that freshmen can explore Course V without committing to the major, Cerny said. By signing up for individual modules, they will be able to explore some of the ongoing chemistry research projects.

The initiative for the new program was conceived with student input through class evaluations and departmental UROPs, according to Cerny. "Students who were taking the Physical Chemistry Lab really essentially spent every afternoon in lab, so it was a huge time commitment for them," Cerny said. "This will allow students with heavy semesters or several afternoon HASS classes to plan accordingly."

In the upcoming fall term, all of 5.35 modules and one of the modules in 5.36 will be offered. The rest of the modules will be offered over the course of the next couple years with the last few modules scheduled to be offered by Spring 2009.

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Hackers dropped a banner in Killian Court early Friday morning reading “This is a bomb. This is not a bomb. Is your ego satisfied? Brought to you by the MIT Bomb Squad.”, with drawings of a bomb and a Mooninite respectively. A Lite-Brite™-like depiction of the latter, an “Aqua Teen Hunger Force” cartoon character, touched off a bomb scare that paralyzed Boston on Jan. 31, 2007.

Big Screw Totals as of Thursday

Candidate	Title	Charity	Amount
Stephen Ansolabehere	Professor of Political Science	Massachusetts Immigrant and Refugee Advocacy Coalition	\$1.21
Emery N. Brown	9.07 Professor	Codman Academy	\$3.09
Keith A. Nelson	5.60 Professor	Home for Little Wanderers	\$4.53
Timothy F. Jamison	Professor of Chemistry	Conservation Fund	\$11.00
Christopher (Kit) C. Cummins	5.111/5.112 Professor	Save the Harbor	\$17.01
Michelle D. Mischke	7.02 Professor	New England Wildlife Center	\$17.12
Daniel Barkowitz	Student Financial Services	MIT General Undergraduate Scholarship Endowment	\$23.61
Krishna Rajagopal	8.05 Professor	Union of Concerned Scientists	\$40.03
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Richard D. Berlin III	Director of Campus Dining	The Richard D. Berlin Center for Cell Analysis and Modeling at the University of Connecticut Health Center	\$193.29
Maureen R. Lynch	2.007 Course Administrator	Make-A-Wish Foundation	\$329.60
Michael D. Ernst	6.170 Professor	St. Mark Community Education Program	\$444.87
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Charges in Duke Lacrosse Case Dropped Wednesday

By Duff Wilson
and David Barstow
THE NEW YORK TIMES

RALEIGH, N.C.

North Carolina's attorney general declared three former Duke University lacrosse players who had been accused of gang-raping a stripper innocent of all charges on Wednesday, ending a prosecution that provoked bitter debate over race, class, and the tactics of the Durham County district attorney.

The attorney general, Roy A. Cooper, said the players had been wrongly accused by an "unchecked" and "overreaching" district attorney who had ignored contradictory evidence and instead relied on the stripper's "faulty and unreliable" accusations.

"We believe that these cases were the result of a tragic rush to accuse and a failure to verify serious allegations," Cooper said at a news conference.

"We have no credible evidence that an attack occurred," he added.

Cooper said he had considered but ultimately rejected bringing criminal charges against the accuser, who continues to insist she was attacked at a team party on March 13, 2006, and asked him to go forward with the case.

Cooper said his investigators had told him that the woman "may actually believe the many different stories that she has been telling." He said his decision not to charge her with mak-

ing false accusations was also based on a review of sealed court files, which include records of the woman's mental health history.

Cooper reserved his harshest criticism for the Durham County district attorney, Michael B. Nifong, at one point even depicting him as a "rogue prosecutor."

"In this case, with the weight of the state behind him, the Durham district attorney pushed forward unchecked," said Cooper, who took over the case in January. "There were many points in the case where caution would have served justice better than bravado. And in the rush to condemn, a community and a state lost the ability to see clearly."

Nevertheless, Cooper said that for now he would leave any official sanctions to the North Carolina State Bar, which has already taken the extraordinary step of formally accusing Nifong of numerous ethical violations, including withholding exculpatory evidence and misleading the judge who presided over the case. Cooper said he would instead seek new legislation to give the state Supreme Court greater power to remove prosecutors.

"We need to learn from this and keep it from happening again," he said.

At an emotional news conference of their own on Wednesday, the three former teammates, flanked by defense lawyers and families, spoke of relief and vindication, but also of

their lingering anger toward Nifong and many in the news media for what they described as a rush to believe the worst about them.

"This entire experience has opened my eyes up to a tragic world of injustice I never knew existed," one of the players, Reade W. Seligmann, said.

"If police officers and a district attorney can systematically railroad us with absolutely no evidence whatsoever, I can't imagine what they'd do to people who do not have the resources to defend themselves. So rather than relying on disparaging stereotypes and creating political and racial conflicts, all of us need to take a step back from this case and learn from it."

"The Duke lacrosse case has shown that our society has lost sight of the most fundamental principle of our legal system: the presumption of innocence."

Seligmann, 21, of Essex Fells, N.J.; David F. Evans, 24, of Annapolis, Md.; and Collin Finnerty, 20, of Garden City, N.Y., were initially charged with rape, sexual offense and kidnapping — crimes that could have put them in prison for three decades. From the start, all three repeatedly proclaimed their innocence. "These allegations are lies," Evans insisted on the day of his indictment.

On Wednesday, Evans looked across a roomful of reporters and said, "We are just as innocent today as we were back then."

Nifong could not be reached for comment Wednesday. Candy Clark, his administrative assistant, said she had called him to describe what the attorney general had said and ask what he wanted to say to the news media. "What he told me to tell everyone was that he was unavailable today, but that he would be returning to the office tomorrow," Clark said late Wednesday.

Nifong has denied violating any ethics rules, although he has acknowledged mishandling some evidence and making intemperate and unjustified remarks about the Duke lacrosse team. In the first weeks of his investigation, for example, Nifong told reporters he was certain that a rape had occurred and called the lacrosse players "hooligans" who were hiding behind a "wall of silence."

In fact, three co-captains, including Evans, had cooperated fully with the police. Other team members canceled interviews on the advice of lawyers. "There was never a blue wall of silence," Evans said Wednesday.

If the ethics charges against him are upheld, Nifong faces a range of possible penalties, including disbarment. A preliminary hearing Friday will decide Nifong's motion to dismiss the most serious charges.

Some parents of the players, meanwhile, have suggested that they might sue Nifong and Durham County. "All options are on the table," Joseph B. Cheshire, a lawyer for Evans, said

Wednesday when asked about possible legal action against Nifong.

The players' accuser could not be reached for comment.

Duke's president, Richard H. Brodhead, the target of harsh criticism throughout the case, particularly from supporters of the three players, issued a statement welcoming the exonerations and praising the players. "They have carried themselves with dignity through an ordeal of deep unfairness," Brodhead said.

Even some community leaders who had argued that the case should have been tried in court did not object to Cooper's decision. The North Carolina NAACP issued a statement saying it respected the job the attorney general had done, Al McSurely, a lawyer who monitored the case for the NAACP, said in a telephone interview. Likewise, one of the nation's largest anti-sexual assault groups, the Rape, Abuse and Incest National Network, released a statement saying it was satisfied with the attorney general's decision to drop all charges.

With its overtones of race, sex and privilege, the Duke case instantly drew national news media attention. The accuser was a poor, black, local single mother working at an escort service while enrolled at the predominately black North Carolina Central University in Durham; the Duke students were relatively well-off, white out-of-staters — members of a storied lacrosse team at one of the nation's most prestigious universities. The accuser's vivid account of racist and misogynistic taunts fueled a simmering debate about the off-field behavior of elite athletes and the proper role of big-time sports on America's college campuses.

Yet as the months passed, as the specifics of her accusations kept shifting, and as defense lawyers highlighted other glaring weaknesses and contradictions in the evidence, the case came to be seen by many as justice run off the rails by political correctness and the political ambitions of Nifong.

When the accusations arose, Nifong was in a close political campaign. Appointed acting district attorney in 2005 by Gov. Michael F. Easley, he was seeking election against a better-known opponent. Nifong, who mentioned the case at some campaign appearances, won the crucial primary election — and most of the black vote — on May 2, weeks after announcing indictments against two of the players.

The players' supporters have long contended that Nifong used the Duke case to advance his political prospects.

"In his search for a false conviction, this is a man who appealed to racial and class hatred," Cheshire said at Wednesday's press conference.

Nifong just as vehemently denied the accusations of political manipulation. But in bringing charges, Nifong discounted evidence of innocence — including alibi evidence from time-stamped photographs and cell phone records — and relied almost entirely on the woman's photo identification of the three suspects and on a report by the sexual assault nurse who examined the woman the night of the attack.

The photo lineup procedure appeared to violate Durham, state and federal guidelines. Police, instructed by Nifong, showed the woman pictures only of lacrosse team members, with no filler photographs of people who could not possibly be suspects.

The sexual assault nurse's report of blunt force trauma was undermined by other accounts of her activities as a stripper on the weekend before the lacrosse party. There was no other forensic evidence to support her account. And other than the accuser, no one claimed to have witnessed the assault — including a second dancer hired for the evening and the 20 or so men at the party.

Cooper succinctly summed up the evidence this way: "No DNA confirms the accuser's story. No other witness confirms her story. Other evidence contradicts her story. She contradicts herself."

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MIT Involvement in Davis' Case Unclear

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here several times and I'm sure they've done that with all the contacts they know."

Davis' parents previously declined to speak with *The Tech*, and it is unclear if MIT has been in contact with the Davis family.

Chancellor Phillip L. Clay said that the Institute rarely contacts parents. Due to the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), MIT is legally prohibited from contacting parents in many circumstances.

Regarding general disciplinary action, Clay said "our policy is that parents would not be contacted. ... It's usually not appropriate."

Clay said that the decision to contact parents is up to Dean for Student Life Larry G. Benedict but that those calls are rare.

"The number of calls that Larry makes to families ... is very, very small," Clay said. "He could probably count them on one hand."

Benedict said in an e-mail to *The Tech* that the case was "a police matter" but did not comment further.

EC Housemaster Kate Delaney declined to comment on EC's response to Davis' disappearance or the availability of counselors.

Davis' disappearance came after an incident on the evening of March 12, when MIT Police were dispatched to EC after a suspicious device was discovered in the dormi-

tory hobby shop.

The device, which was emitting chlorine gas, prompted a response from the Cambridge Fire Department, the bomb squad, and MIT's Office of Environment, Health, and Safety, according to MIT Police records filed with the Cambridge courts. The device was allegedly built by Davis to perform electrolysis of sodium chloride and potassium chloride.

When questioned by police, Davis waived his Miranda rights and consented to a search of his room, the narrative states. Police discovered an assortment of chemicals and illegal drugs in Davis' room, enough evidence to apply for an arrest warrant with the Cambridge District Court. Davis was arrested on March 15 and charged with two misdemeanor counts of possession of a class B controlled substance, one misdemeanor count of disorderly conduct, and one felony count of possession of a class B controlled substance with intent to distribute. Davis was released on \$300 bail, according to booking records.

People with information regarding Davis' disappearance have been asked to call the South Hadley Police at (413) 358-8231. More information on Davis, including court documents regarding Davis's warrant, booking, and criminal docket are available on *The Tech's* Web site at <http://www-tech.mit.edu/V127/N17/>.

News Briefs, Cont.

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to bring its deliberations to a close in early May."

Baenen did not disclose what the ACSR's recommendation entailed but wrote that he anticipates that a public statement will be released once the Executive Committee reaches a decision.

Undergraduate Association President Andrew T. Lukmann '07, who is a member of the ACSR, said that he hasn't taken a close look at the report yet and so could not comment on it.

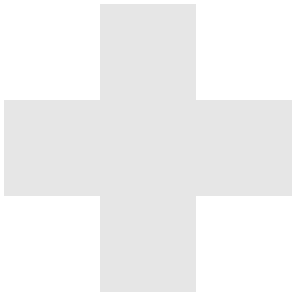
Kayvan Zainabadi G, who circulated a petition last fall supporting divestment, said that he did not know the ACSR had made a recommendation to the Executive Committee. In addition, he said that he is "very concerned ... about the delay that's happened with this whole procedure ... this has been a general sentiment with everyone I've talked to." The ACSR did not meet between December 2006 and March 2007.

The recommendation has not been publicly released yet. In March, Baenen said that it was possible the recommendation report would not be made public when it was passed to the Executive Committee and that "We [the ACSR] really need to have a chance for the Executive Committee to assess [the recommendations]."

Some prior advisory committees have made their recommendations to the Corporation public, according to past *Tech* articles.

"I don't see any justification for keeping anything secret, especially when the MIT community has been so vocal about it," Zainabadi said.

—Marie Y. Thibault



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Admissions Bloggers Popular, Over 600 CPW Events Offered

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“Every school has a different mission on Earth,” she told the audience. “Other schools produce presidents ... but we solve the problems of the

world,” Jones said.

Jones was interrupted by the MIT Logarithms, who were hidden amidst a sea of prospective freshmen. After a performance by the Logarithms, Jones led a round of “Happy Birthday” for students with birthdays over the weekend and introduced Director of Recruitment Jennifer Rifken, head of this year’s CPW and part of the Admissions Office.

Rifken was excited about the “largest CPW ever” and encouraged students to enjoy all the activities on campus. “We’re really excited,” Rifken said.

After an icebreaker, the prospective freshmen were led to the CPW Festival by the MIT Marching Band. The festival showed off a handful of MIT’s living groups and student activities, offering performances and games for prospective students.

Desiree Amadeo, a prospective freshman from New Hampshire, said she was excited to be at CPW and had already turned in her acceptance to MIT.

“I might try to battle someone with swords,” said Amadeo, referring to a large boffing area set up by Random Hall.

Amadeo said she chose MIT “because of the impact” and the community’s “diversity.” MIT’s pre-

view weekend “is a lot different than taking tours at other campuses,” said Amadeo.

This year’s CPW offers more than 600 events, a substantial increase from last year’s number, McGann said.

“One of the things that makes this preview weekend special is that it’s a student-driven weekend,” said McGann. “There are no boring panels run by administrators,” he said.

McGann highlighted some “awesome-ly nerdy” events, including “two make-your-own-Mooninite events, independently conceived,” said McGann.

He was also a fan of Firehose, an event offered by MIT’s Experimental Study Group that features lectures that last through the night, covering subjects from quantum computing to black holes and do-it-yourself audio.

Nabil Abdurhman, a prospective freshman from Memphis, Tenn., said he planned on going to bad science movie night and exploring the dormitories. He was amazed by “the people, the attitude, and the atmosphere here,” said Abdurhman.

Admissions bloggers a hit

Before Jones was interrupted by the Logarithms, she introduced the Admissions bloggers, prompting cheers from the audience.

“I read the blogs,” said Ryan Lopopolo, a prospective freshman from West Palm Beach, Fla. They are “a great window to the inside [of MIT],” Lopopolo said.

Emily Pittore, a prospective freshman from Lexington, Mass. who was eating liquid nitrogen ice cream, said she was choosing between MIT and Brown University. “I did not read the blogs,” Pittore said. “But I know like a zillion people that go here,” she said.

Pittore said she liked the CPW opening but questioned Jones’s statement about MIT’s mission. “I don’t see why MIT couldn’t produce a president,” Pittore said.

McGann, who himself has a blog, said that Admissions blogging offered a great opportunity to connect with MIT. He also mentioned that fellow blogger and Admissions Office Communications Manager Ben Jones had a new band that would be performing at “Battle of the Bands” on Saturday. “The closing song will be a [Rolling] Stones song [featuring] Marilee Jones,” he said.

Gap year encouraged

This year, MIT is running a panel about taking a gap year — a year off before coming to college — to volunteer in the community.

“You shouldn’t always have to be on full force,” McGann said. “There should be time to reflect, synthesize, and learn.”

McGann suggested students could take a year off to learn about parts of the world they may never otherwise visit and experience different cultures.

McGann said that encouraging students to take a year off is not related to increased size of the incoming class or concerns about too many students matriculating to MIT. According to McGann, the idea was “conceived a while back.”

McGann said that international involvement was “a big thrust at MIT right now,” and part of President Susan Hockfield’s goals.

Students should be able to “step back a little bit,” McGann said.

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Music and lyrics by Melissa Li, book by Li and Abe Rybeck; directed by Patrick Wang.

The musical follows the journey of Kaylin, who returns home to Hong Kong after a five-year absence to introduce her lover, Asha, and her new life plan to her family. The musical explores Kaylin’s relationships and loyalties as well as her ability to deal with her family’s own plans for her.

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Aardvark Jazz Orchestra: *Jazz in Film: Ellington & Beyond*

Sunday, April 29 at 3:30pm

Museum of Fine Arts, 465 Huntington Avenue, Boston

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Mass. Colleges Send Out Record Numbers Of Rejection Letters

By James Vaznis
THE BOSTON GLOBE

Many Massachusetts colleges that had long accepted students unlikely to make the cut for an Ivy League school are sending record numbers of rejection letters this year.

The Bay State schools are becoming more selective because their applicant pools, like those at the elite colleges, are swelling from a population boom of high school students. And the caliber of the applicants for schools like Boston College, Northeastern University, and the University of Massachusetts at Amherst is rising as Ivy League schools become ever more competitive.

BC accepted only 27 percent of its 28,800 applicants this year, compared with 39 percent a decade ago, when roughly 12,000 fewer students applied.

UMass-Amherst accepted 62 percent of 28,000 applicants this year, compared with 73 percent of 18,000 applicants 10 years ago.

And Northeastern said yes to only 39 percent of its 30,000 applicants, compared with 85 percent 12 years ago.

Not only are more students graduating from high school, a greater percentage are applying to college. And, worried about being turned down, students are applying to more schools, further intensifying the competition.

"It's brutal," said Mark Murray, 17, a junior at Shrewsbury High School, as he stood among thousands of students at a college fair this week in Boston. "It's like you can't do enough to get into a good school."

At UMass-Amherst, the average grade point average of the admitted students this year is 3.6, compared with 3.1 a decade ago. Amherst, the flagship campus of the UMass system, is trying to bolster its national reputation to compete against other big state universities, such as Michigan and Texas.

"We are in the position ... of making really tough decisions, either denying or wait-listing kids that three years ago we would have welcomed into the system," said Kevin Kelly, director of admissions at UMass. "As the appeal and reputation of UMass has spread, we've been able to attract more qualified kids and enroll the very best kids we can."

At Boston College, the SAT scores of freshmen have climbed an average 20 to 30 points during the past decade, with students now scoring into the 700s on math and the verbal sections. An 800 is a perfect score on each section. BC is rejecting many students who achieve scores in the 700s. It has kept its freshman enrollment at about 2,200 through the decade.

"Being able to admit less than three out of 10 people is very challenging for our staff," said John Mahoney, director of undergraduate admissions at BC. "We are turning down great students. We are perceived in a very negative light. We are the ones who deny students their dreams. When we send out rejection letters, we do so with a lot of misgiving."

Donnie Goodwin, 18, of Revere, a senior at Malden Catholic High School, received a rejection letter from BC a few weeks ago — dashing his hopes to graduate from the same school some of his relatives attended.

"It was the biggest blow in my life," said Goodwin, a National Honor Society member with a 3.7 grade point average. "I was really depressed."

Goodwin, however, acknowledges that his SAT scores, which he declined to disclose, may not have been high enough. He is headed to

Providence College.

Just how selective some of the state's schools have become has shocked some guidance counselors, even though they had anticipated that the environment would become more intense with high school enrollments rising nationwide. The number of graduating high school seniors in Massachusetts is expected to peak next year at 68,300, roughly 20,000 more than in the mid-1990s, when the boom began.

"We are seeing a trend that schools once considered 'safety' schools are no longer safety schools, particularly UMass-Amherst," said Stephen Hitzrot, chairman of the counseling department at Acton-Boxborough Regional High School, where 96 percent of students go on to college.

Counselors are advising students to apply to more schools — about eight or 10, compared with the goal of four or five a decade ago — and to visit schools as early as April vacation of their junior year so they have time to see them all. In some cases, guidance counselors are suggesting colleges overseas, or they're showing how other schools with less prestige have improved.

"Sometimes there doesn't seem to be any rhyme or reason why one school is more selective than another," said Theresa Urist, director of college counseling at Prospect Hill Academy, a charter school in Cambridge.

There should be a school for everyone, counselors say. Despite the increase in rejection letters, several hundred colleges nationwide have empty seats, according to the National Association for College Admission Counseling, a professional organization.

Because of the growing competition, a few years ago the New England Board of Higher Education began publishing a list of colleges with vacancies, to help students rejected by all of their original choices.

Relief from the population boom of high school students is not expected anytime soon. The number of graduating high school seniors nationwide will peak at 3.3 million in 2011, but demographers predict that the size of graduating classes after that will decrease only slightly.

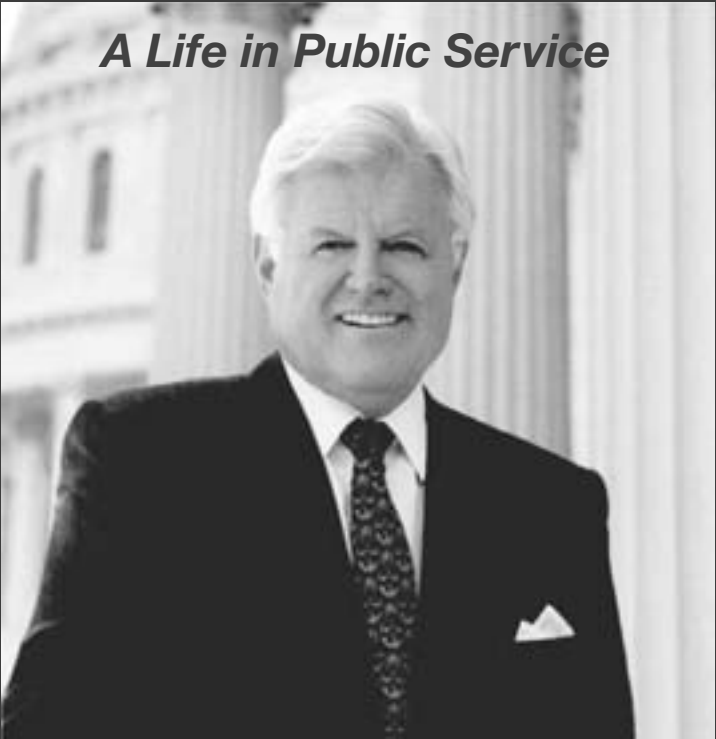
State policy makers in Massachusetts and other states are examining whether there will be enough seats for everyone in the future. The Massachusetts Board of Higher Education is studying capacity at its 29 public campuses with an eye toward expansion.

Seizing an opportunity, some new private colleges are opening. At the college fair at the Bayside Exposition Center in Boston this week, Founders College of Virginia, which will hold its first classes this fall, was trying to attract students with promises of textbooks delivered to students' doors and dorm rooms with their own bathrooms.

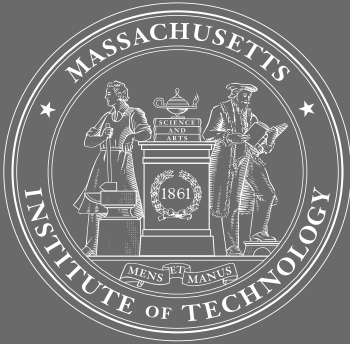
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Princess Responds to Campus Newspaper Advertisement Request

On the ever-so fine day of Friday, April 6, 2007, Prince David Rush, Class of 2007, asked a most striking question: an invitation to the Senior Ball! Not only did the question come as a complete surprise for our princess, but to MIT as well, as it appeared in an advertisement on page 7 of The Tech—MIT's official student newspaper. Our princess, recently identified as Jennifer Moore, Class of 2009, has released the following statement in response to the day's events:

To My Dearest Prince Charming, David Wayne Rush:

There is no other way to put it: I am simply taken aback by your request (and I mean that only in the greatest of ways :)). You are absolutely ridiculous! -- but, oh, I like you all the more for it!

David, you are the most romantic boyfriend ever and the most amazing man I've ever met -- in terms of your faith in the Lord; the way you care for me and for others; the way you treat me, just like a princess, making me feel so beautiful both inside and outside; your strength; your physical attractiveness [and goodness, you are so handsome!...and so hot!]. It's such a joy to be able to spend time with you... to smile with you, to laugh with you, to date you -- and to be able to experience life together (and share so many fun memories) with you!


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Your Princess,
Jennifer Haydon Moore

To My Lovely Princess Jennifer:







You are the most amazing woman I have ever had the pleasure of knowing. Your smile makes me smile and your laugh makes me laugh. I have been blessed beyond belief just knowing you. I was wondering if I could make a great request of you. May I be so bold as to request the great honor of your accompaniment to the Senior Ball on Saturday the fifth of May in the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand and Seven?

Your Prince Charming David

The above note was featured in an advertisement in The Tech on Friday, April 6, 2007 placed by David Rush, Class of 2007, for Course 16.5: AeroDisastro, also known as The MIT Student Juggling Club. photo courtesy of The Tech

A Collection of Pictures



Foley's Recollections Entertain Audience

Famed Wrestler Discusses Other Celebrities

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offensive because of harsh language, sexual references, and violent content.

"I'm gonna kick your ass" — a staple in the wrestling world — fit all three categories. Foley argued that the criteria used in the study overestimated the offensiveness of the program.

After a telephone conversation with the head of the study, Foley's performed his own study that reviewed the popular television programs "General Hospital" and "Cheers" using the same criteria. Foley found these programs contained equal or more references per hour of airtime to certain questionable activities, especially in regard to alcohol use and sexual references.

"Sexual language can be cute," said Foley, who claimed to be one of the first to use the word "testicles" on television.

Much of the talk involved Foley's time spent in the WWE, but his eloquence as an orator and showman were at a height during the parts of his lecture that were only casually related to the wrestling industry. Foley told a number of jokes, including a suggestive story about adult entertainment star Christy Canyon and former president George H. W. Bush.

Foley described his activity with the Make-A-Wish foundation, including a short story when he surprised a child with cerebral palsy by introducing Twisted Sister frontman Dee Snyder.

Foley also recalled a humorous series of meetings with World Bank President Paul Wolfowitz and Doonesbury author Gary Trudeau.

In filming a recent movie with

Willem Dafoe, Jr., Foley said he extensively researched Dafoe's film history before the shoot. "You have to ask the right questions," Foley added.

During the question and answer session, Foley told an audience member interested in writing storylines for wrestling that she should not enter the wrestling industry as a writer due to the high turnover of employees. "By the time I learned [the writers] names, they would be gone," Foley said.

Foley also lamented the name change of the World Wrestling Federation from WWF to WWE because of a conflict in acronym with the World Wildlife Fund, saying, back then, "we were still the WWF and hadn't lost the suit to the ... panda people."

Foley's impressive professional wrestling career began in 1991 with the now defunct World Championship Wrestling, but he has only appeared in eight matches in the last seven years.

Foley's latest book, "The Hardcore Diaries," was released in 2007 and spent four weeks on the *New York Times* bestseller's list. He has also authored various children's books.

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SPORTS

Pritchard Smacks Two Homers, Tech Men Thump Clark 19-14

Mindy Brauer
DAPER STAFF

Senior designated hitter Mike Pritchard went 4-for-6 at the plate with a pair of home runs and five RBI to lead the Clark University baseball team to a 19-14 victory over MIT in a NEWMAC slugfest Tuesday afternoon, at Granger Field. Clark (9-12, 2-3 NEWMAC) snapped a two-game conference losing skid with the win, while MIT (6-7, 3-3) endured its third straight loss after a surprising 3-0 start in league play.

Nick Tapper had four hits and drove in four runs to aid in Clark's 22-hit assault. Kyle Breidenstine and Matt Adams each finished with three hits. Gunnar Hagstrom and Breidenstine knocked in three runs apiece.

Timothy Simokonis picked up his third victory, allowing seven runs on 10 hits and fanning four in 6.1 innings on the mound.

Clark took an 8-1 lead after a pair of four-run innings. Tapper hit an RBI single to right center and Pritchard's three-run bomb to left field gave the Cougars a 4-0 edge after the first. RBI hits from Breidenstine, Joe Silva, and Tapper and Rob Muollo's bases loaded walk increased their lead to seven in the second.

MIT tacked on two runs in the top of the fourth on Kevin Wheeler's sacrifice fly and a run-producing hit from Chris M. D'Annunzio '09 to slice the deficit to five. After plating a run in the bottom of the fourth, Clark exploded with a five-run fifth inning that ballooned its advantage to 14-3. Breidenstine, Tapper and Hagstrom

delivered RBI hits in the frame.

The Engineers scored 11 runs over the next four innings to climb back into the tilt, but could not catch the Cougars with their sizable lead. Thomas M. Phillips '09 hit a solo home run in the sixth, followed by a run-producing single from Stewart J. Park '10 and David M. Nole's '09 two-run single in the seventh.

Muollo and Joe Pasciucco each hit RBI doubles to give Clark two runs (16-7) back, but freshman Jason M. Rome '10 answered with a two-run knock in the eighth for MIT. An MIT infield error and Pritchard's second round-tripper of the day gave the Cougars all the runs they would need in the bottom of the eighth.

The Engineers plated five runs in the ninth, but came up short. Wheeler led off with a single up the middle and came home on pinch-hitter Matt D. Loper's '09 hit to right field. With two outs and the bases loaded, Jason T. Witzberger '07 hit a three-run single and scored on an error by the Clark center-fielder to tighten the gap. However, Cougar reliever Erick DiMarco got Nole to ground out to end the game and stunt Tech's last-inning rally. Witzberger had three hits and three RBI to lead MIT. Nole and D'Annunzio each collected three hits, while Stephen C. Toth '09 (1-1) shouldered the loss for the Engineers.



JERZY SZABLOWSKI—THE TECH

MIT held the 26th Marchiando Trophy Team Race Intersectional last weekend on the Charles River. MIT placed third out of eight in the competition. MIT also placed seventh of 16 in the Women's President's Trophy Intersectional, also held last weekend.

UPCOMING HOME EVENTS

Friday, April 13, 2007		
Softball double-header vs. Wellesley	3:30 p.m., Briggs Field	
Saturday, April 14, 2007		
Sailing Central Series	9:00 a.m., Charles River	
Women's Lightweight Crew vs. University of Massachusetts	10:00 a.m., Charles River	
Men's and Women's Track vs. Bates College, Colby College, and University of Southern Maine	12:00 p.m., Steinbrenner Stadium	
Men's Tennis vs. Coast Guard Academy	1:00 p.m., duPont Tennis Courts	
Men's Lacrosse vs. Norwich University	4:00 p.m., Jack Barry Field	
Sunday, April 15, 2007		
Baseball double-header vs. Saint Michael's	1:00 p.m., Briggs Field	
Monday, April 16, 2007		
Softball vs. Lesley University	4:00 p.m., Briggs Field	
Tuesday, April 17, 2007		
Baseball vs. Coast Guard Academy	3:30 p.m., Briggs Field	
Women's Lacrosse vs. Wheaton College	6:00 p.m., Jack Barry Field	
Wednesday, April 18, 2007		
Baseball vs. Wentworth Institute of Technology	4:00 p.m., Briggs Field	
Men's Lacrosse vs. Babson College	4:00 p.m., Jack Barry Field	
Thursday, April 19, 2007		
Baseball vs. Clark University	3:30 p.m., Briggs Field	

Babson Scores 13 in Second Half, Flattens Women's Lacrosse 21-10

By Mindy Brauer
DAPER STAFF

The Babson College women's lacrosse team scored 13 second-half goals en route to a 21-10 win over visiting MIT in a NEWMAC contest on Tuesday night. The nationally-ranked No. 17 Beavers improved to 8-2 overall and 3-0 in

the conference while the Engineers dropped to 2-6 on the year and 0-3 in the NEWMAC.

Babson recorded five consecutive goals in the first 10 minutes of the game. Laura C. Watson '08 put MIT on the board, but the Beavers countered with two more goals to open up a 7-2 lead.

The Engineers hung around, scoring two goals in 1:18 to narrow the

gap to three (7-4) at the 4:42 mark. Samantha F. O'Keefe '09 started the run with a free position shot, which was followed by a strike from Lynne D. Tye '10 that was set up by Julia N. Roberts '10. O'Keefe capped the spurt with an unassisted goal.

Babson found the back of the net one more time before the break, extending its advantage to 8-4 at half-time.

The Engineers went on another 2-0 run to cut their deficit in half after 1:15 expired in the second half. Tye registered an unassisted goal and Casey M. Flynn '10 converted her first free position goal of the night. The Beavers raised their margin to three (9-6), but Flynn responded with an unassisted strike with 23:32 left to play.

Babson countered by tallying eight unanswered goals during the next 14 minutes, sealing the victory for the (other) Beavers.

MIT ended the scoring spree with a pair of goals while playing down a player. Flynn notched another free position goal and on the ensuing draw, Watson posted her second goal of the game which made the score 17-9. The Beavers tacked on three more goals before O'Keefe recorded a free position goal with 1:42 remaining. Exactly 30 seconds later, Babson notched the final goal of the game, making the score a football-esque 21-10.

Tye and Annamarie E. Ayuso '07 each collected four ground balls as O'Keefe led the way with six draw controls. In net, HeeJay Kang '07 totaled 12 saves.

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